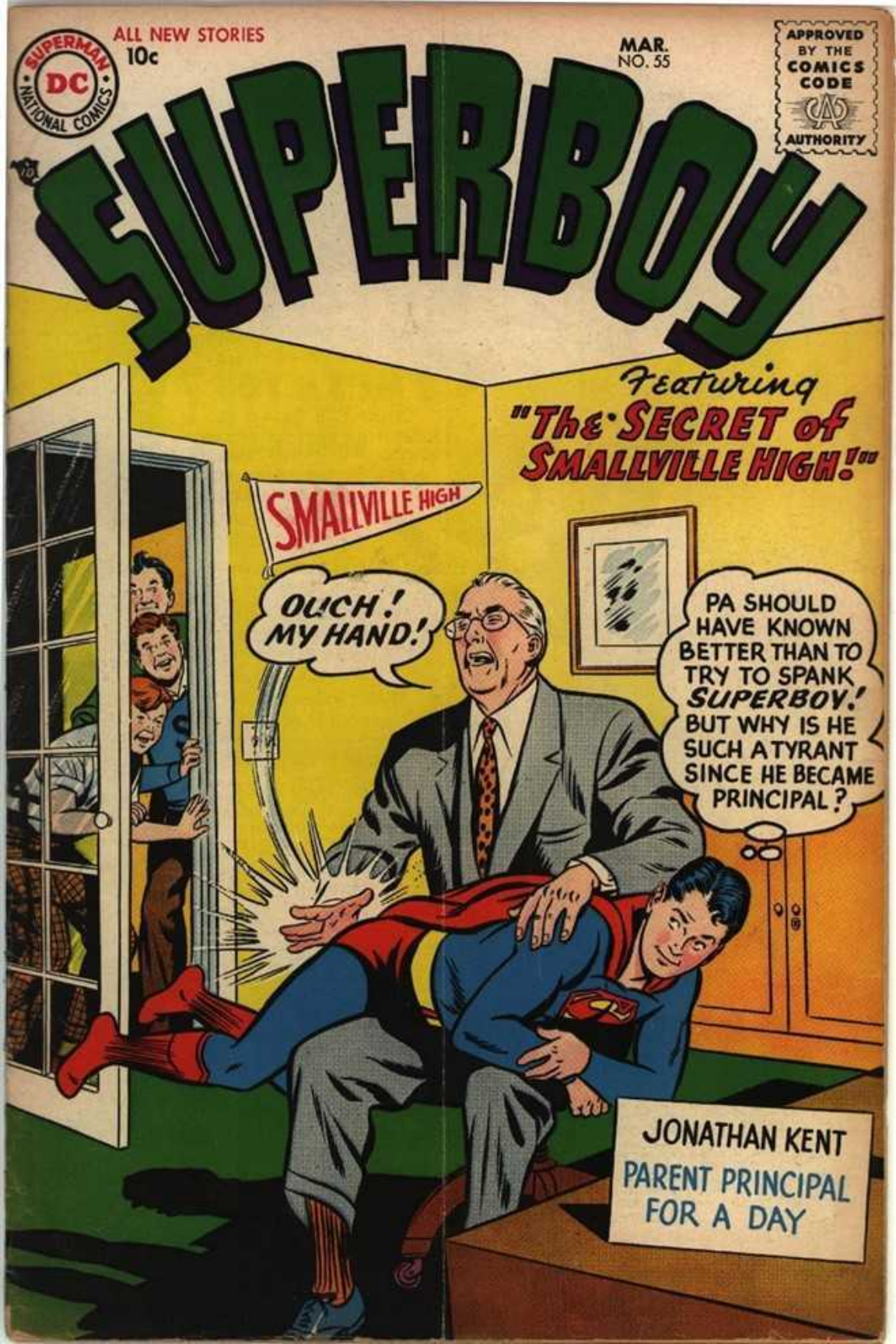
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SMALLVILLE HIGH
OUCH! MY HAND!
PA SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO TRY TO SPANK SUPERBOY! BUT WHY IS HE SUCH A TYRANT SINCE HE BECAME PRINCIPAL?
JONATHAN KENT
PARENT PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

SUPERBOY

The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY

GREAT SCOTT! THAT GIANT PLANT MENACES AIRCRAFT! WHY DID YOU BRING BACK THIS DANGEROUS SOUVENIR FROM ANOTHER WORLD, SUPERBOY?
I... I DIDN'T... YET ALL THE CLUES SEEM TO POINT TO ME!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO OWN AN EXCITING SOUVENIR FROM ANOTHER WORLD? DON'T SAY, YES, UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT FANTASTIC THINGS HAPPEN IN SMALLVILLE, WHEN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD ODDITIES MYSTERIOUSLY APPEAR WHICH CAUSE TROUBLE! AND WHEN THE BLAME FALLS ON INNOCENT SUPERBOY, THE BOY OF STEEL CAN SAVE HIS REPUTATION ONLY BY SOLVING...
The MYSTERY OF THE SPACE TROPHIES

IN SMALLVILLE, ONE DAY, A CURIO SHOP HOLDS A SPECIAL SALE WHICH AMAZES THE TOWNSFOLK...
CURIO
FOR SALE
SUPERBOY SPACE-TROPHIES
STRANGE ODDITIES FROM OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A SUPERBOY SOUVENIR! I'LL BUY ONE!
FOR SALE

PASSING BY, CLARK KENT SHOULD BE FLATTERED SINCE HE IS SECRETLY SUPERBOY! BUT INSTEAD...
GOSH! I NEVER BROUGHT THOSE TROPHIES BACK FROM SPACE! YET THEY SEEM TO BE GENUINE SOUVENIRS FROM OTHER WORLDS!

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UPON INQUIRY, THE MYSTERY ONLY DEEPENS...
NO, CLARK-- I DIDN'T GET THEM FROM SUPERBOY! A SALESMAN WHO DIDN'T LEAVE HIS NAME SOLD THEM TO ME! HE SAID HE GOT THEM FROM SUPERBOY!
HE LIED! BUT ANYWAY, THE STORE-KEEPER IS INNOCENT!
WOULD YOU CARE TO BUY THIS GENUINE SUPERBOY TROPHY, CLARK? SEE-- IT'S A CANDLE WHOSE FLAME CAN NEVER BE BLOWN OUT! THAT SHOULD CONVINCE YOU IT CAME FROM ANOTHER WORLD-- BROUGHT HERE BY SUPERBOY!
BUT... BUT WHERE DID THAT SALESMAN GET THEM, IF NOT FROM ME?
MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS, THE "SALESMAN," IN REALITY CONFIDENCE MAN HARRY COLT, BURIES SOME INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE...
THAT CURIO SHOP OWNER FELL FOR MY STORY, PAYING ME PLENTY! NOW TO BURY THIS ROCKET OUT OF SIGHT, SO SUPERBOY CAN'T PROVE THEY AREN'T HIS TROPHIES!
"I WAS SURE LUCKY THIS MORNING, DRIVING PAST HERE AND FINDING A ROCKET WHICH HAD JUST CRASHED ON EARTH..."
GOSH, WHAT STRANGE OBJECTS IN THIS ROCKET! I CAN'T DECIPHER THAT INSCRIPTION, BUT IT MUST BE A MESSAGE FROM PEOPLE OF ANOTHER WORLD!
"SUDDENLY, I THOUGHT OF A TERRIFIC GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEME..."
IF I REPORTED MY FIND, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE IT TO SCIENTISTS FOR STUDY!
HM... I'LL CLAIM THEY ARE SPACE TROPHIES THAT SUPERBOY GAVE ME! THEN I CAN SELL THEM AT HIGH PRICES!
THE GREEDY SALESMAN HAS CARRIED OUT HIS PLAN, AND NOW...
THERE! WITH THE ROCKET BURIED, SUPERBOY WON'T BE ABLE TO PROVE THE TROPHIES AREN'T HIS! AND HE WON'T BE ABLE TO TRACK ME DOWN! I DIDN'T TELL THE STORE-KEEPER MY NAME AND WORE A DISGUISE!

BACK AT THE STORE, BAFFLED CLARK (SUPERBOY) KENT IS HELPLESS TO STOP HIS FRIENDS FROM BUYING THE FAKE SUPERBOY TROPHIES...

LOOK, CLARK! AN UNBREAKABLE MIRROR! I'LL BUY IT AS A SUPERBOY MEMENTO!

IF I WARN LANA IT'S NOT A REAL SUPERBOY SOUVENIR, I'LL GIVE MY IDENTITY AWAY!

AMAZING! THIS MIRROR CAN BE FOLDED LIKE PAPER! I CAN CARRY IT IN MY HANDBAG... WONDERFUL!

HOW CAN I TRACK DOWN THAT UNKNOWN SALESMAN AND FIND OUT WHERE THESE STRANGE THINGS CAME FROM? OH, WELL... AT LEAST THOSE SPACE TROPHIES CAN'T DO ANY HARM!

YOU'RE WRONG, CLARK! FOR, AS CHARLIE ROLFE DRIVES HOME WITH HIS PURCHASE...

WAIT'LL MY WIFE SEES THIS GIANT GEM... HEY! MY CAR... IS IT TURNING TRANSPARENT?... (GULP!)

ASTOUNDLINGLY, THE NEXT MOMENT...

GOOD HEAVENS! MY CAR TURNED INTO BRITTLE GLASS! THE BRAKES DON'T WORK ANYMORE-- HELP!

AT HOME, CLARK KENT'S SUPER-HEARING PICKS UP THE CRY...

HELP!

SOUNDS LIKE A JOB FOR SUPERBOY!

MOMENTS LATER...

MY CAR TURNED INTO GLASS-- AND THEN IT SMASHED TO BITS!

OMIGOSH! I'LL SNATCH THE DRIVER OUT BEFORE HE'S BADLY CUT!

BEFORE OTHER CARS GET FLAT TIRES FROM THESE FRAGMENTS, MY X-RAY EYES WILL MELT THE GLASS! IT'LL DRAIN INTO THE GUTTER!
SUPERBOY, GET RID OF THIS HORRIBLE SPACE GEM, WHICH TURNED MY CAR TO GLASS!
THEN, INSTEAD OF THANKING THE BOY OF STEEL...
MY WORD, SUPERBOY! HOW COULD YOU BRING SUCH A DANGEROUS THING BACK FROM SPACE?
BUT I DIDN'T! I... ER... YOU SEE... UH... NEVER MIND!
HOW CAN I CONVINCE PEOPLE I NEVER EVEN SAW THESE FANTASTIC SOUVENIRS-- WHICH ONLY SOMEONE WITH SUPER-POWERS COULD HAVE COLLECTED? CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE PUTS THE BLAME ON ME! I WONDER-- ARE THE OTHER TROPHIES ALSO DANGEROUS?
YES, SUPERBOY... ESPECIALLY THIS ONE THAT MA KENT HAS BROUGHT HOME! LATER, IT WILL PROVE TO BE THE MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL... TO YOU!
I COULDN'T RESIST BUYING THIS PERFUME, WITH ITS OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD FRAGRANCE, AND THE STRANGE MUSICAL BOTTLE IT CAME IN PLAYS THE SWEETEST MUSIC I EVER HEARD!
MEANWHILE, AS MRS. EMMA POTTER BRINGS HER PRIZE PURCHASE HOME...
I'LL WATER THIS STRANGE PLANT... EEK! IT SUDDENLY SHOT UP... GROWING AT SUPER SPEED... HELP!
LUCKILY, SUPERBOY IS USING TELESCOPIC VISION AROUND TOWN...
GREAT SCOTT! THAT PLANT BURST THROUGH THE POTTERS' ROOF AND MAY GROW MILES HIGH, MENACING

PAUSING BRIEFLY AT A JUNKYARD TO UTILIZE SCRAP METAL, THE BOY OF STEEL ATTACKS THE SUPER-PLANT!
ONLY THIS GIANT AX I MADE CAN CHOP IT DOWN! IT'LL FALL INTO THAT VACANT LOT WITHOUT HARM!

I GOT RID OF THE ROOTS.. NOW TO REPAIR THE ROOF! HMM... THIS MENACE WAS ALSO CAUSED BY ONE OF THOSE TROPHIES I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE BROUGHT TO EARTH!

MEANWHILE, IN STILL ANOTHER SMALLVILLE HOME...
SEE?... YOU CAN'T BLOW THIS CANDLE OUT! ISN'T THIS SUPERBOY TROPHY WONDERFUL, JOHN?
YES, BUT... UH... THE FLAME SEEMS TO BE GETTING HOTTER AND HOTTER!

PRESENTLY, THE CANDLE FLAME BECOMES AN INCANDESCENT MINIATURE SUN AND...
YIPES! IT'LL SET THE HOUSE ON FIRE!
AND WATER WON'T QUENCH IT EITHER... (GULP!)

RUSHING TO THE RESCUE, SUPERBOY IS AMAZED WHEN...
'GREAT SCOTT! EVEN MY SUPER-BREATH CAN'T BLOW OUT THIS CANDLE! I'LL HAVE TO GET RID OF IT ANOTHER WAY!

INVULNERABLE TO HARM HIMSELF, THE BOY OF STEEL RUSHES OUTSIDE WITH THE SUPER-HOT CANDLE AND...
ONLY SAFE PLACE FOR IT IS IN SPACE... WHERE IT CAN'T BURN ANYTHING! THESE SPACE TROPHIES ARE THE MOST DANGEROUS THINGS IN THE UNIVERSE!
AND AS THE NEWS BUZZES AROUND TOWN...
WHERE'S SUPERBOY? WE DON'T BELIEVE HE WOULD BE CARELESS ENOUGH TO ENDANGER US WITH HIS TROPHIES, BUT WE WANT HIM TO EXPLAIN!
I'LL HAVE TO AVOID FACING THEM UNTIL I CAN EXPLAIN! I'LL BORE MY WAY HOME AND INVESTIGATE AS CLARK KENT!
SAFE IN HIS EVERYDAY GUISE, CLARK STUMBLES ON A CLUE TO THE GRIM MYSTERY...
HMM! THIS MIGHT TIE IN SOMEHOW! I'LL CHECK!
BUT CLARK IS SIDETRACKED WHEN...
MMM... I WONDER WHAT OTHER WORLD MAKES THIS EXQUISITE PERFUME?
GOOD HEAVENS, MA! DID YOU BUY ONE OF THOSE SPACE TROPHIES, TOO? IT MAY BE DANGEROUS... LET ME TAKE IT OUT, QUICKLY!
LOOK OUT, CLARK! THIS TROPHY CAN MEAN YOUR DOWNFALL!
GOSH, MAYBE I'M BEING SILLY! HOW COULD A MERE BOTTLE OF PERFUME BE DANGEROUS LIKE THE OTHER TROPHIES WERE?
THE ANSWER COMES WHEN...
OOPS... SORRY, CLARK! DIDN'T SEE YOU!
THE BOTTLE SMASHED! WELL, SO WHAT--PERFUME IS HARMLESS!
SMASH
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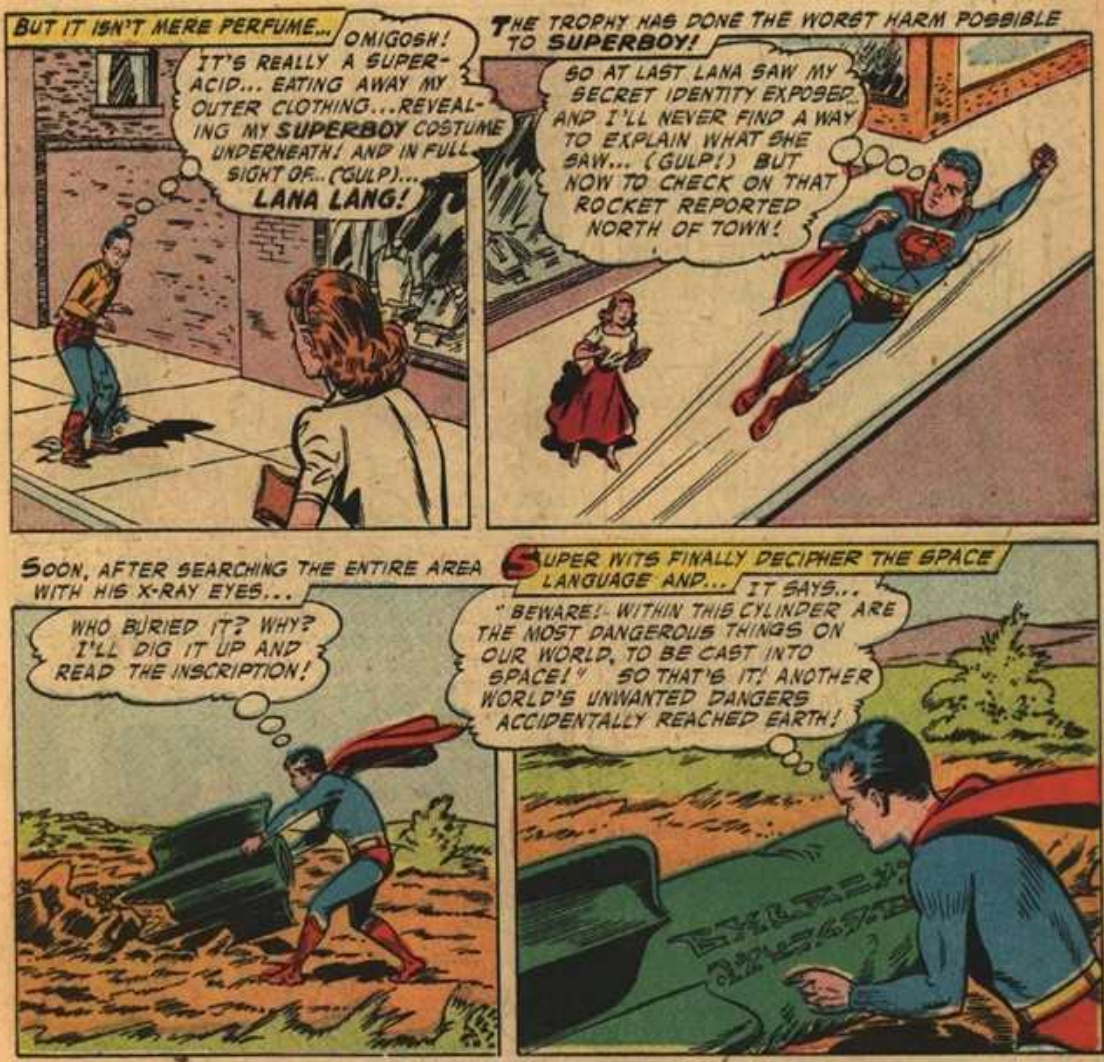
BUT IT ISN'T MERE PERFUME...
OMIGOSH! IT'S REALLY A SUPER-ACID... EATING AWAY MY OUTER CLOTHING...REVEALING MY SUPERBOY COSTUME UNDERNEATH! AND IN FULL SIGHT OF...(GULP)... LANA LANG!
THE TROPHY HAS DONE THE WORST HARM POSSIBLE TO SUPERBOY!
SO AT LAST LANA SAW MY SECRET IDENTITY EXPOSED... AND I'LL NEVER FIND A WAY TO EXPLAIN WHAT SHE SAW... (GULP!) BUT NOW TO CHECK ON THAT ROCKET REPORTED NORTH OF TOWN!
SOON, AFTER SEARCHING THE ENTIRE AREA WITH HIS X-RAY EYES...
WHO BURIED IT? WHY? I'LL DIG IT UP AND READ THE INSCRIPTION!
SUPER WITS FINALLY DECIPHER THE SPACE LANGUAGE AND... IT SAYS... "BEWARE! WITHIN THIS CYLINDER ARE THE MOST DANGEROUS THINGS ON OUR WORLD, TO BE CAST INTO SPACE!" SO THAT'S IT! ANOTHER WORLD'S UNWANTED DANGERS ACCIDENTALLY REACHED EARTH!
THE UNKNOWN SALESMAN LEFT A TIRE MARK! AND ACCORDING TO MY TELESCOPIC VISION, THE TREAD MATCHES WITH HARRY COLT'S CAR!
CONFRONTED BY SUPERBOY, A SHAKEN HARRY COLT CONFESSES HIS GUILT...
YES, I--I FOUND THE ROCKET AND FALSELY CLAIMED THE OBJECTS INSIDE WERE SUPERBOY'S SPACE TROPHIES!
THAT CLEARS ME OF ALL BLAME! NOW YOU'LL RETURN THE MONEY YOU GOT AND GO TO JAIL FOR FRAUD!

PRESENTLY, AFTER TURNING COLT OVER TO THE POLICE...
WELL. EVERYBODY'S TROUBLES ARE OVER NOW... EXCEPT MINE! HERE COMES LANA NOW, TO TELL ME SHE KNOWS MY SECRET IDENTITY... ... (GULP!)
OH, SUPERBOY!
BUT INSTEAD OF EXPOSING HIM, LANA MAKES A STRANGE REQUEST...
SUPERBOY, PLEASE GET RID OF THIS TROPHY FOR ME! WHENEVER I LOOK INTO THIS MIRROR, I HAVE STRANGE DAYDREAMS! RIGHT NOW IT'S MAKING ME THINK I'M A QUEEN!
"IN OTHER DAYDREAMS THIS MIRROR GAVE ME, ALL MY SECRET DESIRES SEEMED TO COME TRUE!"
WHEEE! I HAVE A MILLION DOLLARS TO SPEND!
SUPERBOY IS SERENADING ME! (SIGHH!)
BUT WAKING OUT OF THOSE LOVELY DAY-DREAMS IS A CRUEL DISAPPOINTMENT! ESPECIALLY AFTER I SAW CLARK KENT'S CLOTHING TURN TO RAGS, REVEALING HIM AS SUPERBOY! MY GREATEST SECRET DESIRE HAD COME TRUE BUT...
... BUT IT WAS ONLY ANOTHER DAYDREAM! I HATE THIS AWFUL MIRROR FOR THE HALLUCINATIONS IT GIVES ME!... BUT I CAN'T DESTROY IT!
I'LL... ER... TAKE CARE OF IT FOR YOU, LANA!
WHEWWW! MY SECRET IS SAFE!
LATER, AFTER CLARK KENT DONS SPARE CLOTHES AT HOME...
AFTER ALL THE SUPER TROUBLE THE SPACE TROPHIES CAUSED ME, THIS ONE DID ME A GOOD TURN! I'LL KEEP THIS DAY-DREAM MIRROR FOR MY OWN PRIVATE SOUVENIR!
END

BOBBY
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THUNDER, SON, WHAT IN THE BLAZES ARE YOU LOOKING ME OVER FOR?
WELL, MY DADDY SAID YOU WERE A SELF MADE MAN AND I WAS WONDERING--
YOUR DADDY'S QUITE RIGHT SON, I AM A SELF MADE MAN!
WELL, GEE, WHY DID YOU MAKE YOURSELF LIKE THAT THEN?

The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY

SUPERBOY

LIKE ANY YOUNGSTER, **SUPERBOY** SOMETIMES WONDERS ABOUT HIS FUTURE LIFE AS **SUPERMAN!** WHAT NEW FRIENDS WILL HE MAKE? WHAT CAREER WILL HE PURSUE AS GROWN-UP CLARK KENT, HIS OTHER IDENTITY? WELL, AN AMAZING QUIRK OF FATE GIVES THE **BOY OF STEEL** A BRIEF GLIMPSE INTO HIS UNKNOWN FUTURE DURING...

A VISIT From SUPERMAN'S PAL

IN THE FUTURE, I'M **SUPERMAN'S PAL!** NOW, BACK IN HIS BOY-HOOD TIMES, I'M **SUPERBOY'S PAL,** TOO! HURRAY!

HANG ON, JIMMY... WHILE I CATCH THAT FALLING GIRDER!

IN SMALLVILLE ONE MORNING, **SUPERBOY'S** SUPER HEARING PICKS UP A STRANGE SOUND UNDETECTED BY ANYONE ELSE...

Zeeee EEE eeeee EEE eeee

THAT ULTRASONIC WHISTLE IS ABOVE THE RANGE THAT CAN BE HEARD BY THE ORDINARY HUMAN EAR! WHERE'S IT COMING FROM? I'LL SEE!

SMALLVILLE

MEANWHILE, ACROSS TOWN, A WAITING YOUNGSTER MUMBLES ODD WORDS TO HIMSELF...

I--I'M CONFUSED AT WHERE I AM! I SET OFF THE **SECRET SIGNAL** IN THE WRIST-WATCH! ONLY ONE PERSON IN THE WORLD HAS SUPER HEARING AND WILL ANSWER MY CALL AS USUAL... **SUPERMAN!**

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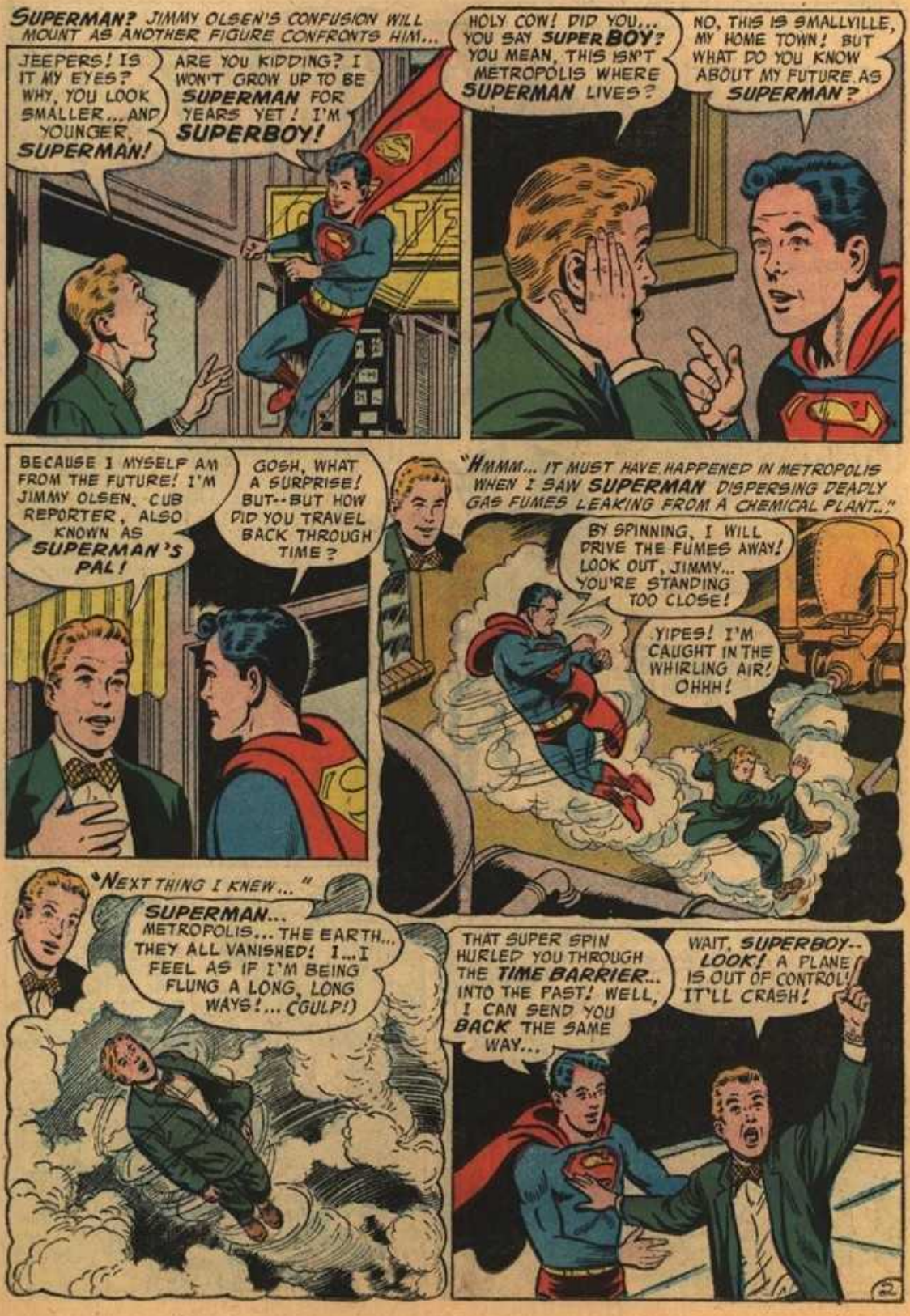
SUPERMAN? JIMMY OLSEN'S CONFUSION WILL MOUNT AS ANOTHER FIGURE CONFRONTS HIM...
JEEPERS! IS IT MY EYES? WHY, YOU LOOK SMALLER... AND YOUNGER, SUPERMAN!
ARE YOU KIDDING? I WON'T GROW UP TO BE SUPERMAN FOR YEARS YET! I'M SUPERBOY!
HOLY COW! DID YOU... YOU SAY SUPERBOY? YOU MEAN, THIS ISN'T METROPOLIS WHERE SUPERMAN LIVES?
NO, THIS IS SMALLVILLE, MY HOME TOWN! BUT WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY FUTURE AS SUPERMAN?
BECAUSE I MYSELF AM FROM THE FUTURE! I'M JIMMY OLSEN, CUB REPORTER, ALSO KNOWN AS SUPERMAN'S PAL!
GOSH, WHAT A SURPRISE! BUT--BUT HOW DID YOU TRAVEL BACK THROUGH TIME?
"HMMM... IT MUST HAVE HAPPENED IN METROPOLIS WHEN I SAW SUPERMAN DISPERSING DEADLY GAS FUMES LEAKING FROM A CHEMICAL PLANT..."
BY SPINNING, I WILL DRIVE THE FUMES AWAY! LOOK OUT, JIMMY... YOU'RE STANDING TOO CLOSE!
YIPES! I'M CAUGHT IN THE WHIRLING AIR! OHHH!
"NEXT THING I KNEW..."
SUPERMAN... METROPOLIS... THE EARTH... THEY ALL VANISHED! I...I FEEL AS IF I'M BEING FLUNG A LONG, LONG WAYS!... (GULP!)
THAT SUPER SPIN HURLED YOU THROUGH THE TIME BARRIER... INTO THE PAST! WELL, I CAN SEND YOU BACK THE SAME WAY...
WAIT, SUPERBOY-- LOOK! A PLANE IS OUT OF CONTROL! IT'LL CRASH!

THAT'S GREAT, SUPERBOY! YOU SAVED IT, JUST LIKE SUPERMAN!
THE PLANE RETURNED TO SAFETY, SUPERBOY AGAIN OFFERS TO SEND JIMMY BACK TO HIS OWN TIME...
NO, SUPERBOY! WHAT A SUPER-DUPER SCOOP I'D HAVE FOR MY PAPER, IF I COULD WRITE UP MORE OF SUPERMAN'S BOYHOOD DEEDS! LET ME STAY AWHILE!
SURE, WHY NOT, JIMMY?
YOU'LL REGRET THAT DECISION SOON, SUPERBOY!
BUT RIGHT NOW, CLARK KENT HAS TO SHOW UP IN SCHOOL!
JIMMY, I... ER... HAVE AN APPOINTMENT! I'LL SEND A FRIEND OF MINE TO PAL AROUND WITH YOU FOR AWHILE! WAIT HERE!
SOON AFTER, HAVING ASSUMED HIS EVERYDAY GUISE AS CLARK KENT...
WELCOME TO SMALLVILLE JIMMY OLSEN! SUPERBOY... ER... TOLD ME ABOUT YOU! I'M CLARK KENT!
CLARK KENT? WHY, HE'S MY FELLOW REPORTER IN THE FUTURE! GOSH, IT'S ODD THAT BOTH YOU AND SUPERBOY SHOULD COME FROM THE SAME TOWN!
YOU'RE IN TROUBLE, CLARK... AND GETTING IN DEEPER!
HMM... YOU KNOW, A GIRL REPORTER NAMED LOIS LANE OFTEN SUSPECTED GROWN-UP CLARK OF BEING SUPERMAN!
GOLLY, THAT'S LIKE LANA LANG, BEING SUSPICIOUS OF ME! IF SHE COMPARES NOTES WITH JIMMY... OMIGOSH!... HERE SHE COMES NOW!
AND AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT...
HI, CLARK! TIME FOR SCHOOL... EEK!
OH! THAT FLOWER-BOX FELL FROM SOMEONE'S WINDOW! IF I FLY TO RESCUE LANA, I'LL REVEAL MY SUPER POWERS!

CLARK THINKS FAST, AND...
MY SUPER BREATH IS THE ANSWER... MAKING IT MISS LANA AS IF BY SHEER "LUCK"!
WHEW!! I GOT OUT OF THAT SITUATION--!
THINK SO? GUESS AGAIN, CLARK!
THANK HEAVEN NO ONE WAS HURT BY MY FLOWER-BOX!
FALLING STRAIGHT DOWN FROM THAT WINDOW, IT SHOULD HAVE HIT ME! WHY DID IT MISS?
WHY... ER... MAYBE IT WAS BLOWN ASIDE BY... ER... A GUST OF WIND!
OR SUPER BREATH?? I'M BEGINNING TO THINK AGAIN, CLARK... THAT YOU ARE SUPERBOY!
NOT TO MENTION JIMMY OLSEN'S SUSPICIONS!
I DIDN'T FEEL A GUST OF WIND, CLARK! IS LANA RIGHT?
THERE'S THE SCHOOL BELL! NO TIME TO TALK NOW, JIMMY! COME ALONG AS A GUEST PUPIL!
BONG BONG BONG
ALL DURING CLASSES, TWO PAIRS OF SUSPICIOUS EYES WORRY CLARK (SUPERBOY) KENT...
(GULP!) TOGETHER, THE TWO OF THEM MAY PIN ME DOWN! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OUT, RISKY THOUGH IT IS!
IS HE SUPERBOY!?
AFTER SCHOOL, CLARK HURRIES JIMMY HOME AND REVEALS HIS SPECIAL COLLECTION...
WOW! YOU HAVE SUPERBOY SOUVENIRS JUST LIKE MY SUPERMAN TROPHIES! BUT HOW COULD YOU HAVE SO MANY... UNLESS YOU'RE SUPERBOY? I SUPPOSE YOU STILL DENY THAT, CLARK?
NO, I DON'T JIMMY!
SUPERBOY SOUVENIRS
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BUT WHY IS CLARK DELIBERATELY EXPOSING HIMSELF TO JIMMY?
SINCE YOU'RE SUPERMAN'S PAL IN THE FUTURE, WHY SHOULDN'T YOU KNOW THE TRUTH NOW?
HOLY COW! THEN YOU ARE SUPERBOY, CLARK!
MA AND PA KENT ARE SHOCKED, FOR UP TILL NOW THEY ALONE KNEW THEIR FOSTER SON'S GREAT SECRET...
LAND SAKES, SON! YOU... YOU'VE RUINED YOURSELF IN THE FUTURE! WHEN JIMMY RETURNS TO SUPERMAN'S TIME, SOME CRIMINAL MAY WORM THE SECRET OUT OF HIM!
WELL, I'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT WHEN I GROW UP! HA, HA!
DON'T WORRY! I'LL KEEP IT IN CONFIDENCE, BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE!
THANKS, PAL! NOW YOU CAN DO ME A SPECIAL FAVOR! I'M SCHEDULED TO PERFORM FOR A CHARITY DRIVE, AND HERE'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO...
SMALLVILLE
5000 LBS.
LATER, LANA LANG ARRIVES AT THE CHARITY DRIVE IN THE MAIN SQUARE...
HAH! NOBODY IN TOWN WOULD MISS THIS... EXCEPT CLARK KENT! BUT HOW CAN HE SHOW UP IF HE'S SUPERBOY?
BUT AMAZINGLY...
HI, LANA! GREAT SHOW SUPERBOY'S PUTTING ON, ISN'T IT?
OH MY GOODNESS... CLARK KENT?? AND IT ISN'T A ROBOT OR A DUMMY. THEN I... I WAS DEAD WRONG!
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LATER, AS SUPERBOY AND "CLARK KENT" MEET AT HOME...
WE SURE FOOLED LANA! TRACKING DOWN CROOKS IN METROPOLIS, I OFTEN USED DISGUISES! THIS WAS MY BEST ONE YET... AS CLARK KENT!
THANKS, JIMMY! I COULD NEVER DO THIS BEFORE, ASKING ANOTHER FELLOW TO POSE AS CLARK FOR ME! I HAD TO USE DUMMIES! I'M GLAD I TOLD YOU MY SECRET!
DID SUPERBOY CONFIDE IN JIMMY JUST TO FOOL LANA? BUT JIMMY WILL CARRY THE SECRET INTO THE FUTURE, JEOPARDIZING SUPERMAN! A BAD BARGAIN, SUPERBOY!
CAN I DO YOU A RETURN FAVOR, JIMMY?
YES... I HAVE A GREAT IDEA FOR A HEADLINE TO BRING BACK! WAS SUPERBOY EQUAL TO SUPERMAN? LET'S FIND OUT IF YOUR SUPER POWERS INCREASED WHEN YOU GREW UP!
BUT HOW CAN WE MAKE A REAL COMPARISON SINCE SUPERMAN AND I DO DIFFERENT THINGS?
CERTAIN THINGS THAT EXIST TODAY WILL STILL BE AROUND LATER IN SUPERMAN'S TIME! FOR INSTANCE, THE AGE-OLD PYRAMIDS! FLY TO EGYPT!
THUS BEGINS THE STRANGE "CONTEST" BETWEEN SUPERBOY AND SUPERMAN!
SUPERMAN ONCE SAVED A PYRAMID FROM AN EARTH TREMOR BY HOLDING IT UP IN THE AIR FOR ONE HOUR! CAN YOU MATCH THAT, SUPERBOY?
WE'LL SEE...
AFTER AN HOUR...
YOU MATCHED SUPERMAN'S FEAT, SUPERBOY! YOU CAN PUT IT DOWN NOW!

AS THE TESTS CONTINUE, SUPERBOY PROVES AS GOOD AS "HIMSELF" IN LATER YEARS!
YOU BORED THROUGH THAT MOUNTAIN IN TEN SECONDS FLAT, LIKE SUPERMAN!
COUNTING THE RINGS WITH MY X-RAY VISION PROVES THIS TREE TO BE OVER 2,000 YEARS OLD! SAME COUNT AS SUPERMAN, EH?
HELLO, JIMMY!
YOU HURLED YOUR SUPER VOICE CLEAR AROUND THE WORLD, TOO!

BUT THE FINAL TEST POSES A PROBLEM FOR SUPERBOY!
ONCE, FOR A CHILDREN'S BENEFIT SHOW, SUPERMAN BOUNCED A HUGE RUBBER BALL LIKE THAT OFF THE MOON!
BUT MY TELESCOPIC VISION SHOWS A FLOCK OF METEORS BETWEEN ME AND THE MOON RIGHT NOW! HOPE THIS WORKS!

AND FAR OUT IN SPACE, THROWN WITH SUPER ACCURACY...
IT WORKED! I PLANNED IT TO CAROM JUST THAT WAY AMONG THE METEORS, THEN CONTINUE STRAIGHT FOR THE MOON!

BY THE TIME IT BOUNCES BACK FROM THE MOON, THE METEORS WILL BE GONE!

FINALLY...
HOW'S THAT, JIMMY? OVERCOMING THAT HANDICAP, WOULDN'T YOU SAY I'M EVEN BETTER THAN SUPERMAN?
ER... NOT REALLY, SUPERBOY! SUPERMAN WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME, I'M SURE!
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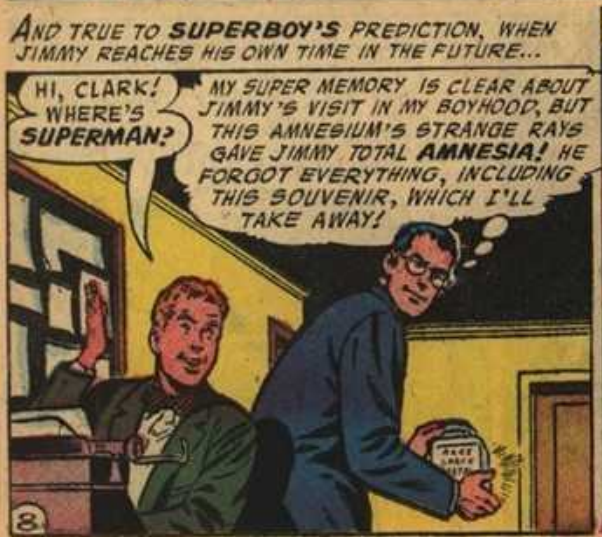
LET'S JUST SAY YOU CAME OUT A TIE WITH SUPERMAN!
ATTA BOY, JIMMY! I WASN'T BEING CONCEITED, BUT JUST SEEING IF YOU WOULD STICK UP FOR SUPERMAN! YOU'RE HIS REAL PAL! NOW LET'S GO HOME...
I UNDERSTAND SUPERBOY! YOU TESTED MY LOYALTY TO SUPERMAN TO MAKE SURE I WON'T EXPOSE HIS SECRET IDENTITY, WHEN I RETURN!
ER... THAT'S IT, JIMMY!
ACTUALLY, JIMMY WON'T BE ABLE TO SPILL THE SECRET EVEN IF HE TRIED!

WHAT DOES SUPERBOY MEAN? LATER, AS THEY SAY FAREWELL...
WANT TO ADD THIS RARE AMNESIUM TO YOUR COLLECTION?
SUPER DUPER! I'D BE PROUD TO HAVE A SUPERBOY SOUVENIR AMONG MY SUPERMAN TROPHIES!
RARE SPACE METAL AMNESIUM

WITH A SUPER SPIN, SUPERBOY HURLS JIMMY THROUGH THE TIME BARRIER INTO THE FUTURE.
"BYE, SUPERBOY! IT WAS FUN MEETING YOU!
SAY HELLO TO... ER... SUPERMAN FOR ME! AND TO CLARK KENT!
WHEN HE RETURNS, JIMMY WILL THINK THEY ARE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE!


AND TRUE TO SUPERBOY'S PREDICTION, WHEN JIMMY REACHES HIS OWN TIME IN THE FUTURE...
HI, CLARK! WHERE'S SUPERMAN?
MY SUPER MEMORY IS CLEAR ABOUT JIMMY'S VISIT IN MY BOYHOOD, BUT THIS AMNESIUM'S STRANGE RAYS GAVE JIMMY TOTAL AMNESIA! HE FORGOT EVERYTHING, INCLUDING THIS SOUVENIR, WHICH I'LL TAKE AWAY!

AND BACK IN SMALLVILLE...
POOR JIMMY! HIS MOST EXCITING ADVENTURE... FORGOTTEN! THAT'S WHY I COULD SAFELY REVEAL MY SECRET IDENTITY TO HIM! ANYWAY, I'M GLAD I'LL HAVE SUCH A SWELL PAL WHEN I GROW UP TO BE SUPERMAN!
THE END.

LIONEL and his Lions
PARDON ME, SIR...
HENRY BOLTINOFF
YES. I DID ADVERTISE FOR AN ASSISTANT. YOU LOOK LIKE A FINE YOUNG MAN!
FIGHT
YOU CAN START WORK RIGHT NOW, IF YOU CARE TO!
GRRRRRRR
ER-- WELL--
CAN I HAVE MY FIRST WEEK'S SALARY IN ADVANCE?
END

SUPERBOY

The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY

PARENT PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

IN SMALLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, ONE DAY, MANY YOUNGSTERS FIND THEIR OWN FATHERS AND MOTHERS CONDUCTING CLASSES, DURING **PARENTS' DAY!** YET UNLIKE HIS SCHOOLMATES, CLARK **(SUPERBOY)** KENT IS DISAPPOINTED WHEN PA AND MA KENT JOIN THE FACULTY! WHY? YOU'LL LEARN THE ASTONISHING ANSWER IN...

THE SECRET OF SMALLVILLE HIGH

SKIP CLASSES, WILL YOU, SON? **OWW...** MY HAND!

HE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO TRY TO SPANK **SUPERBOY!** BUT WHY HAS MY FATHER BECOME A TYRANT SINCE HE WAS MADE PRINCIPAL?

ONE MORNING, PARENTS ACCOMPANY THEIR YOUNGSTERS TO SMALLVILLE HIGH FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION!

PARENTS' DAY SPECIAL CLASSES

A SPLENDID IDEA--THE PRINCIPAL LETTING US PARENTS HOLD CLASSES TODAY, CHOOSING THE SUBJECTS WE KNOW BEST!

LONG TIME NEIGHBORS, THE KENT AND LANG FAMILIES ARRIVE TOGETHER...

NOW I'LL TAKE MY RARE HERBS FROM THE BASKET, MARTHA!

THE REST ARE MY COOKING SPICES THAT I NEED!

LIKE OTHER YOUNGSTERS, LANA LANG AND CLARK KENT ARE PROUD OF THEIR PARENTS' ABILITIES...
MY MOTHER'S HOLDING A COOKING CLASS!
AND MY DAD, AN EXPLORER, WILL TELL ABOUT RARE JUNGLE HERBS!
PROF. LANG RARE PLANTS
MRS. KENT COOKING
BUT CLARK IS DOUBLY PROUD, FOR THE GREATEST HONOR OF ALL HAS FALLEN TO HIS FOSTER FATHER!
GOSH, PA... YOU'RE THE PRINCIPAL OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL FOR A DAY! I KNOW YOU'LL DO A SWELL JOB!
HOPE SO, SON! SEE YOU LATER!
JONATHAN KENT PACENT PRINCIPAL
THE CLASSES BEGIN, AND IN MA KENT'S...
GIRLS, USE SPICES TO FLAVOR THIS DISH!
HM, PA RUSHED OUT WITHOUT BREAKFAST BEFORE... HE MUST BE HUNGRY! I'LL BRING THIS TO HIM LATER!
AND SO, BETWEEN CLASSES...
YOU HAVE THE BIGGEST JOB, SO YOU'LL NEED THIS, PA!
YOU'RE RIGHT, MA! I MUST MAKE THE ROUNDS OF ALL THE CLASSES SOON!
MEANWHILE, CLARK HAS CHOSEN AN INTERESTING CLASS...
NOW, STUDENTS... THIS IS HOW INDIANS SENT SMOKE SIGNALS, ALTHOUGH NOT WITH A PICNIC STOVE LIKE THIS.
TOM JONES INDIAN LORE
WE WOULDN'T LEARN THIS IN SCHOOL ORDINARILY, BUT MR. JONES' HOBBY CERTAINLY IS EDUCATIONAL!
BUT WHEN PRINCIPAL KENT ENTERS...
MY WORD! I'LL PUT IT OUT! DON'T YOU KNOW FIRE IS A HAZARD, JONES?
BUT... BUT THAT IRON PICNIC STOVE WAS PERFECTLY SAFE, JONATHAN!

DON'T CALL ME JONATHAN, JONES! I'M THE PRINCIPAL FOR TODAY! NOW NO MORE FIRE... UNDERSTAND?
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO PA? THIS ISN'T LIKE HIM AT ALL, ACTING "BOSSY"! AND WHY DID HE MAKE THAT UNREASONABLE RULE?

I--I CAN'T DISOBEY OUR PRINCIPAL! BUT HOW... ER... CAN I MAKE SMOKE SIGNALS WITHOUT A FIRE?
HMM... THIS IS A JOB FOR SUPERBOY! I'LL SLIP OUT!

OUTSIDE IN THE EMPTY HALL, CLARK KENT SWIFTLY CHANGES HIS OUTER GARMENTS, AND...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND PA KENT'S STRANGE BEHAVIOR... BUT I'LL MAKE UP FOR IT!

RETURNING TO THE CLASSROOM, SUPERBOY MAKES FIRELESS SMOKE...
MY X-RAY EYES CAN HEAT UP THE METAL STOVE! AND THE WATER THROWN ONTO THE STOVE TURNS TO STEAM NOW!
THANKS, SUPERBOY! THAT'LL DO FOR "SMOKE" SIGNALS!

PUZZLED, SUPERBOY SEEKS HIS FOSTER FATHER...
DID THE PRINCIPAL'S JOB GO TO PA'S HEAD? I'LL FIND OUT WHY HE WASN'T HIS KIND, FRIENDLY SELF!

BUT THE BOY OF STEEL FINDS PA KENT UNDERMINING ANOTHER CLASS!
STOP, DUNN! I FORBID THE USE OF FLASH BULBS! YOU MIGHT HURT THE STUDENTS' EYES!
BUT THAT'S RIDICULOUS, PRINCIPAL! EVERYBODY USES THEM WITHOUT HARM!
HENRY DUNN PHOTOGRAPHY

WAIT, PA... ER... PRINCIPAL KENT! ARE YOU JOKING..?
I'M NOT JOKING! I'LL SHOW THEM WHO'S HEAD MAN AROUND HERE!
HEAVY-HEARTED, SUPERBOY FLIES AWAY...
PA HAS BECOME A PETTY TYRANT!... (CHOKE!)... I MUST MAKE UP FOR HIM AGAIN! I'LL GATHER AN ELECTRIC CHARGE IN THIS LIGHTNING STORM AND RETURN TO THAT CAMERA CLASS!
MOMENTS LATER, THE BOY OF STEEL PROVIDES SUBSTITUTE FLASHES...
TAKE YOUR SNAPS EACH TIME I PUT MY FINGERS TOGETHER, PRODUCING A BRIGHT FLASH!
CLICK!
CLICK!
CLICK!
CLICK!
LATER, SWITCHING BACK TO CLARK KENT, HE APPEALS TO HIS FATHER...
PLEASE, PA! IT'S WRONG TO FLAUNT YOUR AUTHORITY OVER THE PARENTS, WHO ARE ALL GOOD FRIENDS OF YOURS!
PAH! DON'T LECTURE ME, SON! WHAT I SAY, GOES, SEE?
AND HOW DARE YOU PLAY HOOKEY FROM CLASSES? YOU MUST BE PUNISHED...
PA! YOU DON'T MEAN... UH...??

THIS HURTS ME MORE THAN YOU-- OWWW!
HE CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! BUT I SEE PA WON'T LISTEN TO REASON! HE'LL KEEP "BULLYING" THE TEACHERS!
AND AS THE NEWS BUZZES AROUND SCHOOL...
GOLLY, WHAT A SOURPUSS PRINCIPAL KENT TURNED OUT TO BE!
(CHOKE!) I...I'M SO EMBARRASSED I CAN'T FACE MY FRIENDS! AND IF MA HEARS OF THIS...
BUT MA KENT ALREADY HAS HEARD, TO HER SORROW!
(SOB!)...OH, CLARK, I'M SO ASHAMED! WHY HAS PA SUDDENLY TURNED SO... SO MEAN?
I...I DON'T KNOW, MA! BUT I HAVE AN IDEA HOW TO MAKE HIM STOP!
SOON, AT THE SCHOOL FILE ROOM...
YEARBOOKS OF SMALLVILLE HIGH
AS A YOUTH, PA WENT TO THIS SAME SCHOOL! I'LL SHOW HIM THE YEARBOOK OF HIS GRADUATING CLASS! MAYBE HIS LOYALTY AND LOVE FOR HIS OLD ALMA MATER WILL RETURN!
BUT LEAFING THROUGH THE PAGES, CLARK MAKES A SHOCKING DISCOVERY!
OMIGOSH! PA DIDN'T GRADUATE!... (GULP!) IS HE TAKING REVENGE AGAINST THE SCHOOL NOW, BECAUSE HE FLUNKED?
JONATHAN KENT
LOUISE ROE
THOSE WHO FAILED TO GRADUATE BECAUSE OF LOW MARKS.
WHAT ELSE IS CLARK TO THINK, AS PA KENT CONTINUES HIS PETTY TYRANNIES?
AW GEE! THESE HEAVY IRON MODELS WON'T FLY!
HERE'S ANOTHER JOB FOR SUPERBOY!
CUT COSTS! MAKE MODELS from JUNK ONLY! BY ORDER OF PRINCIPAL KENT
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MOMENTS LATER, MANY MILES AWAY...
I FOUND THIS CLIFF OF NATURAL LODESTONE, WHICH IS MAGNETIC! AS A HUMAN BUZZSAW, I'LL CUT OUT WHAT WILL SAVE THE DAY FOR THE MODEL-MAKING CLASS!
SHORTLY, BACK IN THE CLASS-ROOM...
LOOK AT THAT! THE GIANT MAGNET KEEPS OUR IRON MODELS FLYING!
BUT CHECKING AROUND, SUPERBOY FINDS MORE PROBLEMS!
THESE RUBBER-TIPPED ARROWS WERE QUITE HARMLESS, YET WE'RE FORCED TO USE PAPER ARROWS... WHICH ONLY FLOAT AIMLESSLY!
DANGEROUS WOODEN ARROWS FORBIDDEN!! ONLY PAPER ONES ALLOWED By order of PRINCIPAL KENT
LET ME SEE... ENOUGH PAPER, WADDED INTO THE SHAPE OF BIG ARROWS BY MY SUPER PRESSURE, WILL BE HEAVY ENOUGH TO WORK. I'LL MAKE YOU A SPECIAL, OVER-SIZED BOW, TOO!
HEY, THIS IS GREAT!
THEIR FUN ISN'T SPOILED NOW, ALTHOUGH PA IS TAKING REVENGE AGAINST SMALLVILLE HIGH FOR BEING FLUNKED LONG AGO!
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SUDDENLY, A STRANGE THOUGHT SENDS SUPERBOY BACK TO THE OLD SCHOOL RECORDS...
GOSH, NOW I RECALL PA SAYING HE ALWAYS HAD GOOD MARKS! AND THESE RECORDS PROVE HE PASSED ALL EXAMS AS AN HONOR STUDENT! HOLY COW!
SCHOLASTIC RECORDS OF FORMER YEARS
SUPERBOY IS MORE MUDDLED THAN EVER...
I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HOW COULD AN HONOR STUDENT FLUNK? I'LL CHECK WITH MA!
MRS. KENT COOKING
BUT ANOTHER PROBLEM INTERVENES...
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I HAD MY GIRLS PRACTICE MAKING AN IMITATION CAKE OF PLASTER! WE... WE CAN'T EAT IT!
JEEPERS! PA EVEN MADE THINGS TOUGH FOR MA!
DO NOT WASTE
DEMONSTRATION FOODS MUST ALL BE EATEN
BY ORDER OF PRINCIPAL KENT
BUT NOTHING CAN HARM THE BOY OF STEEL!
(UGH!) I'LL PRETEND IT'S MY FAVORITE CAKE!
DON'T WORRY! I'LL MAKE SURE IT'S NOT WASTED!
AFTER SUPERBOY HAS MANFULLY SWALLOWED THE LAST PLASTER CRUMB...
NOW TELL ME... IF PA KENT WAS AN HONOR STUDENT, WHY DID HE FLUNK AT GRADUATION?
OH, THAT WAS A MISTAKE! THEY GOT HIS RECORDS MIXED! YOU DIDN'T SEE THE SPECIAL NOTICE PASTED LATER IN BACK OF THE YEARBOOK!
RACING BACK TO THE FILES, SUPERBOY VERIFIES MA'S STATEMENT...
GOSH! BUT THAT EXPLODES MY WHOLE THEORY THAT PA WAS BITTER AGAINST THE SCHOOL! SOMETHING ELSE CAUSED PA'S BAD BEHAVIOR-- BUT WHAT???
CORRECTING OUR MISTAKE, SMALLVILLE HIGH IS PROUD TO GRADUATE BELATEDLY JONATHAN KENT HONOR STUDENT

UTTERLY BAFFLED, CLARK KENT VISITS PROF. LANG'S CLASS...
THERE'S NO VENTILATION... (COUGH!)... AND THESE RARE JUNGLE HERBS RELEASE FUMES... THAT CAUSE STRANGE HALLUCINATIONS!
Save Heat KEEP ALL WINDOWS CLOSED BY ORDER OF PRINCIPAL KENT
MY SUPER BREATH IS SENDING THE FUMES INTO THAT SINK AND DOWN THE DRAIN!
Heat UP ALL WINDOWS CLOSED BY ORDER OF PRINCIPAL KENT
WHEN THE AIR IS CLEARED...
AND NOW, TO CONTINUE, STUDENTS... THE LAST SPECIMEN IS CALLED THE "JEKYLL AND HYDE HERB" BECAUSE... OH ROT! I KEEP FORGETTING I LEFT THE SIXTH ONE HOME!
NO HE DIDN'T! HE HAD SIX JARS IN MA'S BASKET THIS MORNING! HMM... IS THAT THE ANSWER TO THE MYSTERY?
TWIN X-RAY BEAMS FURNISH THE ANSWER...
SURE ENOUGH! THE MISSING HERB IS MIXED UP WITH MA'S SPICES! AND MA ACCIDENTALLY SEASONED PA'S DISH WITH THE "JEKYLL AND HYDE HERB!"
AFTER CLARK INFORMS PROF. LANG...
GOOD HEAVENS! LIKE THE FAMOUS STORY OF "DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE," THAT HERB TURNED JONATHAN "BAD"! LUCKILY, I HAVE THE ANTIDOTE! HERE, TAKE IT--!
SWIFTLY, THE ANTIDOTE RESTORES PA KENT'S TRUE GENIAL NATURE!
OH... (CHOKE!) ...I'M SO HAPPY!
SO AM I! I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF, UNDER THAT HERB'S BAD INFLUENCE! BUT I'LL MAKE UP FOR MY MISDEEDS BEFORE THE DAY IS OVER!
WHEN PARENTS' DAY ENDS...
I CAN SAY, SPEAKING FOR ALL OF US, THAT IT WAS A PRIVILEGE, WORKING WITH YOU... EVERYBODY, THREE CHEERS FOR JONATHAN KENT--!
AND I'M PROUD TO SAY: THAT'S MY PA!
THE END.
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